

Nation's Army of Unskilled Labor Will Begin to Mobilize To-Day

U. S. Employment Service to Take Unorganized Men Under Its Wing

Chaos at Present Halts War Work

Workers, Lured From Plant to Plant, Are Constantly Shifting

By Theodore M. Knappen

WASHINGTON, July 31.—There are no "wops" any more. Tomorrow the untold millions of unskilled men who, during two generations of feverish industrial expansion and swarming immigration have been exploited, crushed and warped and regarded as mere animate material that was cheaper and more plentiful than the inanimate, become the special care of the United States government. The friendless and unorganized, the unfortunates who have been trampled upon by both organized labor and capital, whose lot has grown worse as the others have prospered, have come into their reward and their redemption.

To-morrow, August 1, the unskilled laborer, the real man with the hoe, becomes the special concern of the government. The United States through the brand new machine of the National Employment Service of the Department of Labor becomes the patron and guardian of the unskilled. The harpies in the form of private employment agencies that have preyed upon, exploited, demoralized and embittered him, are ousted and henceforth with due regard for his own interests, those of his community and of the nation at large, he is to be treated as a national asset of supreme importance. Become by force of circumstances an outstanding figure in the industrial side of the war, he is now to receive the honors and the attention that are his due.

Labor Is Valued Like Platinum

With the temporary exceptions incident to a change from the old to the new, no employer of more than a hundred men engaged in war work may seek or engage unskilled labor without the cooperation of the National Employment Service. The "wop" of old has become so necessary to the successful prosecution of the war that his services may be assigned or engaged only through the service, which, looking upon him as a potent factor in winning the war, will use and conserve him as sparingly as the War Industries Board does old platinum.

This is the first great forward step in the conservation of labor. For a year we have been conserving and regulating all materials, from coal to iridium, but the labor that works upon and changes them into means of warfare has been left to the unrestrained,

American Fights With Pistol After Four Rifles Break

Long Island Soldier Recommended for War Cross for Valor in France

One of those courageous examples of devotion to duty which are being enacted all along the American fighting line in France nowadays, is told by Private Frank Fagan, of 91 Monroe Street, Long Island City, in a recent letter to his mother.

"I have been recommended for a French Croix de Guerre and Distinguished Medal for Valor," the youth writes. "I am a gunner on an automatic rifle, and had four guns break on me in two attacks a little while ago, and one of my loaders shot down. I faced them (the Germans) with my Colt pistol until I found a rifle and two bandoliers and a bayonet, and I held on to it until I found another automatic rifle."

"What made us all bloodthirsty was to see the (German) machine gunners lie there and mow down our men, fire every cartridge and hand grenade at us, but when they were out of supplies come and say 'Kamrad' with a pitiful voice. But it did not soften our hearts one bit. We just emptied our rifles into them. We captured 250 machine guns and a dog running between the trees with a note written in German saying 'We are here' at once."

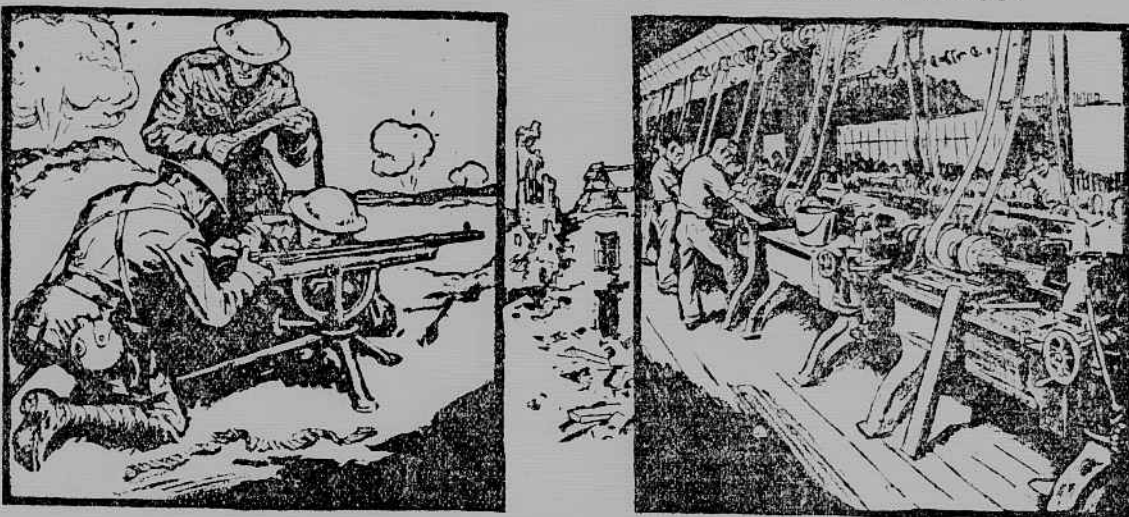
"Of his vision of the 'great offensive' Private Fagan says: 'The Hun was coming at the rate of five miles a day, and it was up to us to break their great offensive. We had been in the trenches only half a day when we saw them coming over the hills. The French dropped back, but we held our own, and held on until the next morning, and then we laid on them.'

"We killed off their men as they came out. Both sides lost heavily, but the Hun lost the most, as they had the majority of ten to one against us. In the attack we took over six hundred prisoners, and we were wounded. Snipers were picking off our men, but it was up to us to give it to them once we were pretty well weakened out, but what is that to fighting men?"

Zionist Army Reaches Front

The Zionist Organization of America has received cable messages telling of the arrival in Palestine of the first and second contingents of the American Jewish Legion, recruited in March and April. These contingents, along with a Canadian and English, and now will be the Jewish regiment recruited in London, which already is at the Palestine front.

BROTHERS IN THE SERVICE OF THE NATION



An Empty Machine Gun — An Idle Lathe

This is one of the recruiting appeals used by the United States Employment Service in its campaign for war workers

Where Workers May Register in City

Branch offices of the United States Employment Service in New York City, where workers can register to help win the war, are as follows:

- Manhattan**
20 East Twenty-second Street.
112 West Twenty-third Street.
112 West Forty-sixth Street.
Hall Records.
44 East Twenty-third Street (clearing house).
Bowery (men only).
Lenox Avenue and 124th Street (men only).
129 North Street.
79 North Street (women).
112 East Eighth Street (women).
15 East Street (male farm labor).
149 West Street (railroad labor).
11 Broadway.
144 Eleventh Avenue.
119 North Street.
113 West Second Street, Brooklyn.
The Bronx
One Hundred and Forty-ninth Street, near Third Avenue.
Queens
Long Island City, 171 Hunter Avenue, Painter Building, Bridge Plaza.
Brooklyn
319 Jay Street.
18 Atlantic Avenue.

Tremendous Loss Is Due to Shifting

But by no possible blundering or dislocation of its parts can it fail to improve the present position of the management of the supply of unskilled labor. The country is short somewhere between 500,000 and 1,000,000 in unskilled labor. Independent employment agencies and the employment departments of the great war industries, expanding and springing from nothing into colossal magnitude, have swept through the country like cyclones picking the men up here and dropping them there and again moving them before they have had time to get their feet. A jolted, bribed, tempted and spoiled, unskilled and unattached laborer has found life one vast scheme of migration and the proportion of them constantly on the move in a mad round of trips from old jobs to new jobs and back again, has in itself constituted a tremendous labor loss, to say nothing of the inefficiency resulting from ever-lasting flux and change.

Those places where there is mad and feverish activity to produce before the Germans shall make production too late, such as the great explosives plant at Nitro, W. Va., and the nitrate works at Muscle Shoals, Ala.—to mention only two out of hundreds—have made their progress through a storm of labor turnover that has amounted to 60 and even 100 per cent a week. The struggle between employers for men has been fierce, careless and unscrupulous almost beyond description. It has been a nationwide case of the devil take the hindmost. In this wild melee, not the most immediately deserving industry has got the men but the one that was the most

The Tribune Fresh Air Fund

The champion Piped Piper of them all came to town yesterday and piped his tune to the children. He stood in the Lackawanna Railroad station in Hoboken and piped and 200 youngsters hustled their Sunday clothes in satchels, bags and newspapers and pattered off at his heels—not to a gloomy cavern, but to the sunshinest, warmheartedest of fresh air centers, the Chango Valley of Broome County, New York, of which Binghamton, Parlor City of the southern tier, is capital.

The 200 made up what is known in certain circles as the "Binghamton Fresh Air Party." The Piper was George J. Michelbach, a man who probably knows better how to pipe "Fresh Airs" out of smelly tenement streets and into the fragrant fields of the country than any other person living. He ought to, for practice makes perfect and he has been playing the Fresh Air assembly for twenty years or more.

At any rate he pipes best. That is proved by the fact that every year he leads the biggest Fresh Air party of the year away from the city. Sometimes it numbers 200 boys and girls, sometimes 300, but it always holds the record for the season in which it goes out.

Early in the spring of each year Mr. Michelbach begins in Binghamton a campaign for support of The Tribune Fund's work. Binghamton being a city of some sixty thousand inhabitants, the people of the place do not plan to take Fresh Air guests into their own homes. Instead they raise a Fresh Air Fund of their own and find boarding places for their guests in the country round about the city.

Yesterday morning's party filled three railroad coaches to overflowing. The coaches left at 9 o'clock, and it was a station at 9 o'clock. The party was due to arrive in Binghamton at 3 in the afternoon. It was a long, hard ride for the children, but when the train rolled away there was no concern evident on that score—the coaches were as full of smiles as a persimmon is of seeds.

There were other Fresh Air Piped Pipers who piped yesterday as well as the Binghamton champion. One piped a crowd of 100 children down to The Tribune Fund's Eunice Home at Chapel Hill, N. J. Another led a company of sixty-two bright faces up to Canaan, Conn. Still another accompanied before a group of fifty small girls toward Happy Land at Tenafly, N. J. Finally a crowd of fifteen Italian boys

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Some Are Swamped And Others Are Idle

Nor are the employers to be censured. The states that of each man and each plant for itself with impatient war demanding speed and accepting no excuse. In the course of this struggle it has even happened that overnight some plants would be swamped with men driven in by successful marauders while others would discover that practically their entire force had disappeared.

Again some communities and states were drained to the bottom while others were flooded. Others again, notably Pennsylvania and the Southern States, put an embargo on the emigration of labor and in some communities the appearance of a labor scout was enough to precipitate a riot. The

Cornerstone Laid For Building to Aid Women Prisoners

Katharine Davis's Hopes Realized When Start Is Made for Farm Colony

One of the plans of Dr. Katharine B. Davis, former Commissioner of Correction under the late Mayor Mitchell, was realized yesterday when the cornerstone of the new administration and dormitory building at the Women's Farm Colony at Greycourt, Orange County, New York, was laid.

Prof. Henry S. Williams

HAVANA, July 31.—Professor Henry Shaler Williams, of Ithaca, N. Y., died here today of pleurisy, aged seventy-one.

Professor Williams was well known as a geologist. His research work in Cuba resulted in the development of oil fields in the island.

Henry Shaler Williams was born in Ithaca, in 1847. He was graduated from Yale in 1868. He held the professorship of natural science in the University of Kentucky from 1871 to 1872 and was professor of geology there from 1880 to 1892. He also held professorships at Cornell and Yale and had been emeritus professor of geology at Cornell since 1912. Professor Williams was the author of numerous works on geology.

Heavy Special Tax Returns On Last Day for Payment

Large returns in special taxes were received yesterday by Collector William H. Edwards, who estimated that the revenue from that source this year would be \$100,000, or four times what it was last year. Yesterday was the last day on which the tax could be paid without the addition of a 50 per cent penalty.

Miss Dorothy Radley to Wed

Mrs. Ignatius Radley, of Spuyten Duyvil, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Dorothy Radley, to Lieutenant Ernest Lenwood Stephens, Jr., U. S. A. Miss Radley is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Muschenheim, of the Hotel Astor. Lieutenant Stephens is a graduate of West Point, this year's class. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Stephens, of Virginia.

Huge Organization Has Been Built Up

To energize this patriotic duty, there has been built up since June 17—the day the President declared the new labor program—a continental organization that essentially follows the analogy of the draft boards. Added to this is a Federal Reserve Bank of labor, which will be a central clearing house for state and every labor community, are state and community boards, representing labor and capital, whose business it is to advise with the executive concerning state and local conditions, to suggest where men may be found, to appeal to employers to release men for war work, to arouse public sentiment and opinion and stir up a patriotic enthusiasm for volunteering for war work similar to that that turned conscription into a selective honor.

We shall now see men marching away to war work as we have seen that marching away to war waging, marching with pride and honor and to the conquering insignia when they have given a certain proof of fidelity and steadfastness.

This has been undertaken the great task of this time and of peeling labor without compulsion. The compulsory military service worked well because the people were for it. It is a continuing honor that the new system was wise and proper and democratic and the other invites where compulsion is held to be neither wise nor democratic. Both are suited to the genius of a free and patriotic people.

Dr. Reiland Drops Estate's German Name

WINSTED, Conn., July 31.—Heidelberg is no longer the name of the Highland Lake summer home of the Rev. Dr. Karl Reiland, rector of St. George's Church, New York City.

Asked to-day if there was any truth in the report that the name of the property had been changed, Mrs. Reiland said that the name of Heidelberg had been selected, but that no other name had been selected.

Dr. Reiland, long before the outbreak of the war, gave his property the name of Heidelberg. Dr. Reiland is doing U. S. C. war work among the American troops abroad.

First Religious Meeting at Ocean Grove Commemorated

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., July 31.—Memorial and Founders' Day was celebrated here to-day with a special service, in commemoration of the prayer meeting held in Mrs. Joseph Thornburgh's home, which was the first religious meeting on these grounds. The Rev. A. E. Ballard, the first survivor of the first meeting, attended.

Prayer service was held in memory of the friends of Ocean Grove who have died in the war. Both services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. James W. Williams, vice president of the Camp Meeting Association.

Gambling at Mount Vernon Laid to Ex-Mayor's Policy

MOUNT VERNON, July 31.—District Attorney Leo Parsons Davis, in a report to the commission of One Hundred and thirty-three former Mayor Phipps for the gambling in this city during the summer and fall of 1916 and January of 1917, Mr. Davis advised the police of all the gambling houses in the city under the Mayor's order. Instead of making arrests, it was the Mayor's policy to warn gamblers to desist, the District Attorney charged.

Coudert's Duchess Daughter Gets Gold Medal in France

PARIS, July 31.—The Duchesse de Choiseul has been awarded the French gold medal for activity in hospital work, according to an announcement made by the "Official Journal" to-day. The duchesse formerly was Claire Coudert, daughter of Frederic R. Coudert, a New York lawyer.

Jersey Transfers Cost Cent

A charge of one cent for initial transfers was instituted at midnight on the lines of the Public Service Railway Company, which operates the lines through most of Northern New Jersey. No charge will be made for second transfers. The charge for transfers was a concession made by the Public Service Commission, which refused the company the right to increase its fares. Additional annual revenue of \$50,000 is expected to result.

Two Hurt in \$100,000 Fire

NEWARK, N. J., July 31.—Arthur Erd and Louis Gummel, of Hook and Ladder 1, and Edward Wiers and William Aiken, of Hook and Ladder 2, were hit by bricks this morning when a wall fell at the burning wagon factory at John and J. J. Broadway, a thirty-day magistrate to take the place of Magistrate Robert C. Cornell, who is ill. Mr. Pollock lives at 515 West 110th Street.

Rockefeller Absent From His Own Picnic

Shunning Publicity, He Fails to Appear at Oakland Beach

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., July 31.—John D. Rockefeller didn't attend the picnic which he gave to-day at Oakland Beach, on the Sound, for the Sunday school children of the St. John's Episcopal Church. He loaned the automobile trucks to transport the party to the beach, however, and was represented by several men, who helped to entertain the children.

The guests—about 150—arrived at the beach about 10 o'clock. It was reported that Mr. Rockefeller probably would drive to the beach in his automobile. The guests were met by their own families, and if Mr. Rockefeller came, it was explained, he might go in swimming with the others.

"He had had some penicillins," some of the children chuckled. Nearly a dozen motion picture men arrived at the beach early in the forenoon, and the guests were "closed up" of the oil magnate taking a swim. Then came word that Mr. Rockefeller probably would not come because of the publicity the newspapers had given his outing. The movie men put out from the shore to positions of vantage on Bar Rock, where they hid their machines, hoping to catch Mr. Rockefeller unawares if he should come.

The children then began to clamor to go in swimming. According to J. P. Wagner, manager of the beach, about fifteen men acted as hosts, each paying for the entertainment of a certain group.

Just before the picnic broke up, at 5 o'clock, it was announced that Mr. Rockefeller was much disappointed because he had been unable to attend. The outing was the annual treat which Mr. Rockefeller has given his children for the last three years. On previous occasions every guest was accorded all the privileges of the beach, and the fee was paid by a representative of Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Wagner said.

Plays and Players

Klaw & Erlanger and George C. Tyler will present a dramatization of Booth Tarkington's "Penrod" at the Globe Theatre, beginning Monday, September 2. The play has been written by Edward E. Rose.

Perry Wood, who is appearing in "Maytime" at the Broadhurst Theatre has turned dramatist. Her first play, done in collaboration with her father, Eugene Wood, the novelist, is called "Sleeping Beauty." It is a one-act sketch and deals with the exploits of a young girl named Philip Elliott, manager of the reorganized Washington Square Players, will give a performance of "The Sleeping Beauty" at the Broadhurst Theatre, during the present month. Later the play will be produced by Mr. Goodman in New York and on tour.

"Allegiance," the new war play by Prince and Princess Troubadour (Amelie Rivers), will be presented for the first time at the Maxine Elliott Theatre to-morrow night. The play is the work of William Faversham and Maxine Elliott.

Grace George last night produced at the base hospital, Fox Hills, Staten Island, a new one-act play by Louise Closser Hale called "Hello, Central."

Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter, and a party of friends saw "Getting Together" at the Shubert Theatre to-night. Miss Wilson was the guest of Blanche Bates.

Knitters Defy Rain And Gain Prizes

The second day of the all-American knitting bee in Central Park found the knitters clicking and counting stitches with undiminished zeal, in spite of the rain.

Prizes were distributed in the speed contest. Mrs. Rachel Rizzo, of 208 East Sixty-seventh Street, the winner, got a Limoges cup and saucer for knitting Red Cross square in eight minutes. Mrs. Anna Samuini won second prize and Mrs. Sara Kaprielian, first.

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Fifth Son Enters Service

CORONA, Long Island, July 31.—Mr. and Mrs. William Peisel, of 101 Fillmore Avenue, have now five sons in the service. Louis is only eighteen and enlisted last February, when he was but seventeen, and Francis answered his call to service. Joseph and William are with the 165th Regiment in France. George, a survivor of the torpedero Convictor, is in the navy, and Frank is in Panama with the 144th Artillery.

Ordinance Officer Marries

On Eve of Going Overseas
Miss Emma Pennington Lester, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lester, of 40 Hamilton Terrace, was married to Lieutenant Warner Seely, of the Ordnance Reserve Corps, at the home of Mrs. Charles D. Seely, at Montclair, N. J., on Tuesday night, St. Luke's Church, this city. The wedding day had been advanced because of the emergency of the war. The bridegroom was accompanied by his immediate overseas service. The marriage was to have taken place in the fall.

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Government Cuts Rubber Supply for Auto Tire Makers

Lack of Shipping Space and War Industries Needs Result in Curtailment

Suggests Victory Tube

Manufacturers Also Recommend Restrictions on Several "Luxury Products"

Because of the great need of conserving shipping space and meeting the requirements of essential war industries, the government yesterday made a further decrease in the amount of crude rubber to be permitted manufacturers of pneumatic automobile tires and tubes.

Frederick B. Peterson, director of the bureau of imports of the War Trade Board, announced to 400 members of the rubber industry of the country, meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel yesterday, that the government had determined to make the next allocation for sixty days instead of the present ten-month schedule, and that after the requirements of the United States and the Allies have been met in full the manufacturers will be allowed for August and September three-fifths, one-sixth of their consumption last year.

For the months of May, June and July of this year each manufacturer was permitted to import a total of sixteen per cent of the amount of crude rubber which he received throughout last year.

"Though the change is very slight," said Mr. Peterson, "the difference was necessary in the light of the seriousness of the last three months. The government has made increased demands, and allocations had to be accorded to manufacturers who received no rubber until partial amounts in 1917. These allocations are based on the amount expected from the Far East and from Central and South America. I wish to say that it is the desire of the government, because of tonnage and other considerations, that the available amount of South American rubber be taken by you."

The allocations for August and September, explained Mr. Peterson, were made on the basis of 100,000 tons per year, with the present maximum prices and the present market conditions. Members of the organization declared yesterday that if these restrictions are continued for any length of time, the rubber situation will arise which will handicap the government in securing some of its most important supplies to meet the urgent war demands. They stated that because of the increased demand for rubber, articles due to war activities the 100,000 tons now permitted are inadequate, and recommended a tentative importation at the rate of 150,000 tons a year.

It was contended by rubber manufacturers that the new ruling will practically wipe out many of the new and small factories, where there was little or no production at the corresponding periods last year.

Recommendations Adopted

A resolution was finally adopted by the rubber industry wherein the war service committee of the association was instructed to appeal to the government to revise the ruling so that the output on tires for August and September be restricted to 50 per cent of the average monthly output of the first six months of this year, exclusive of all war orders.

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Gen. Gorgas Inspects Fox Hills Hospital

Praises Arrangements Made for Care of American Boys Wounded in France

Surgeon General W. J. Gorgas arrived here yesterday from Washington for the first official inspection of the new United States Base Hospital at Fox Hills, Staten Island.

The hospital, which was completed a fortnight ago, is the largest of its kind in the country, comprising three wards of 1,000 beds each, with facilities for doubling this allotment upon short notice. Altogether eighty-five buildings are included in the Fox Hills establishment.

"In every way it more than comes up to expectations," said General Gorgas last night after completing his inspection. "It is a splendid achievement."

Six hundred nurses, orderlies and internes make up the great staff of the establishment, besides which a guard of three hundred soldiers has been stationed there. Colonel G. A. Simmons is in military charge and Colonel A. R. Hutchins is at the head of the medical department.

These two officers met General Gorgas and escorted him on his tour of inspection, after which he was motored over to Lewis Nixon's estate at Ward Hill, Stapleton, Staten Island, where he passed the night.

Mrs. Nixon gave a lawn party yesterday afternoon to a delegation of 600 nurses from this city who are soon to be sent to France. General Gorgas arrived in time to take part in the group of these festivities. To-day he will return to Washington.

Irish Rush to Enlist, Although Not in Draft

Although unnaturalized Irishmen in this country are not subject to conscription, the American army under the military service convention between Great Britain and the United States, the O's and the Macs have been enlisted in the British Canadian army of the Allies' cause by their steady enlistments at the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission, 220 West Forty-second Street.

According to Major C. Brooman White, commanding the depot, an average of almost 100 Irishmen, some still fresh with the shamrock scud, have been flocking to the Union Jack each week.

"It is either an Irishman's native love for a fight or a desire to assist the cause of the Allies which has impelled these Irishmen from draft, to enroll for overseas service," said Major White yesterday.

Will Leave \$25 to Man Who Scatters Ashes to the Winds

Herman Nolting, a tailor, who died July 24 at 203 West Twentieth Street, provided in his will, filed yesterday in the Surrogate's Court, that \$25 be paid to the person who scatters his ashes to the winds, so that whoever accomplishes this mission might "have a good time on Saturday and Sunday."

Mr. Nolting left about \$10,000, dividing his estate among two brothers, a sister in Germany and another sister living in Schenectady. The property left to the heirs in Germany will be turned over to the custodian of enemy alien property.

WINTER GARDEN TO-DAY AT 2

EVERETT'S PROGRAM: A midwinter night's dream of g